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JUDGE CLARK'S MID-DAY BANQUET

One of the Jolliest Occasions
of the Year. The Toasts
and Toasters.

Some years ago, that veteran guar-
dian angel of B. Hall, Judge Clark,
established the precedent of giving a
mid-day banquet Christmas eve to the
B. Hall inmates, who remained in
Austin during the holidays. The
event was so successful that the
judge has seen fit to repeat it each
year. On the last occasion covers
were laid for twenty-four. Among
the guests were President Prather, Dr.
Benedict and Jack Hubbard. Judge
Clark presided as toast master, with
that grace and wit that has long since
won for him the reputation of being
the greatest toast master in Univer-
sity circles. His remarks on intro-
ducing the speakers were very witty
and provoked much merriment. As
a host he is genial and tactful.

The banqueters assembled in the
B. Hall dining room at 2:30 and af-
ter the dinner, the cigars and the
toasts, managed to leave at 6.
The menu was as follows:

Oyster Soup,
Hart of Celery, Queens Alems,
Planket Trout, Tartar Sauce,
Shoe String Potatoes,
Strand of Beef, Dripped Gravy,
Marshall Patols,
Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce,
Asparagus, Drawn Butter,
Apple Salad,
Assorted Cake, Lemon Ice Cream,
Nuts and Fruit,
Coffee.

President Prather responded to the
first toast. In it he paid a glowing
tribute to the host and his services
to the University. He said that the
Judge had filled so many positions
in the University and filled them so
well and now is so indispensable a
part of the institution that he knew
of no more befitting appellation for
him than that of "alma pater," a sen-
timent in which all present most
thoroughly concurred.

Dr. Benedict told some of his early
experiences when a denizen of B.
Hall.

Jack Hubbard told an excellent
laughing-provoking story of a cork-
armed man and his outwitting a police
court.

Swenson told a college story of the
hardy Norseman.

"Schuddy" told of his freshman ex-
periences, a mile long—of how he
played society on one occasion and
forgot to wear his coat.

At the suggestion that a freshman
he heard from the toast-master intru-
duced Lumpkin as a life-long fresh-
man.

Johnson responded as head-profes-
sor of the School of Noises.

Hale said he supposed a freshman
was not to speak at such affairs, ex-
cept in low tones and then only to ask
for more turkey.

McClendon told how germs and mi-
crobes aided in digesting big dinners.

Kinley responded to the toast of
"How it feels to be up in the clouds."

Pool told how two men had to be
caged in heaven to keep them from
returning to Texas and to B. Hall
on Christmas eve.

Everybody had to have his speech.
Then they sang all the familiar songs,
and gave raps and yells, and departed
with praise and good wishes for the
host. Long live the Judge!

LOCALISM

Judge Lewis' Eloquent Address
Delivered at the December
Meeting of the
Faculty.

The Speech In Detail.

It has occurred to me, at times, that
two opposing dispositions and ten-
dencies occasionally manifest them-
selves in our University life: One,
a disposition to magnify unduly the
incidents of our state's history, the
achievements of its founders, and the
excellence of its institutions; a ten-
dency to develop a false state pride,
to indulge unfounded assumptions
gratifying to our self-love and to in-
duce a complacent satisfaction with
conditions that might be vastly bet-
tered; the other, a disposition to de-
cry whatever is homespun, to assume
that little of worth has been accom-
plished by us, and that whatever has
been done by ourselves has been bet-
ter done elsewhere.

If it be true that the tendencies
mentioned have in fact manifested
themselves, then it seems to me profit-
able, in the confidence of our family
gatherings, to discuss the matter,
and to consider where the true line
of conduct is. In my view, a proper
local and state pride, is a sturdy vir-
tue. It is not the root from which
many other excellent virtues spring.
It is near akin to patriotism. It is
first cousin to loyalty and devotion.
It may be the parent of great and
generous and useful services. Who
thinks of Athens, of the violet crown,
robed in her garments of beauty, with-
out thinking of the passionate pride
of the Athenian in his city? Who
thinks of Florence in her splendid
prime, made radiant by immortal art,
without also recalling the passion of
her citizen artists, who, in her be-
half, wrought for duty and not for
need? Who that perceives the cor-
ruption and misrule that prevails in
the government of our larger cities
fails to understand that these alarm-
ing conditions are due, in some mea-
sure, to the absence of that high civic
pride which delights in commodious
ways, cleanliness, ample and lovely
breathing spaces, public and private
structures dedicated not only to use
but to beauty, and which compels
good government?

Pride in one's country or one's
state is not only desirable and ad-
mirable; in some degree, it is essen-
tial. It has been potent and far-
reaching in its effect upon the his-
tory of our race. In that history, I
know of no fact more significant than
this, that England alone among the
nations, ancient or modern, has been
able in her colonies to transplant her
institutions and laws, her spirit and
polity, and in the United States and
Canada, in Australia and New Zea-
land, practically to reproduce her-
self. The significance of this
great fact becomes the more apparent
if it be recalled that the mother
country and her English speaking
offspring combined constitute the pre-
ponderant forces in the world's
thought, commerce and wealth, and
that united they might prevail
against the world in arms. It is a
matter of wonder to consider how
much of these tremendous results
have been due to the indomitable
pride of the Englishman, to his un-
shakable belief in the superiority of
his own institutions, customs, man-
ners and laws, and to his fixed re-
solve to have and enjoy them whether
he made his home on the James or
the Connecticut, on the St. Lawrence

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Viewing the matter in a light still
more fundamental, it is true that the
great ones of our race are in a large
sense products of locality and en-
vironment, and that they come to that
people whose faith is firm, whose
pride of race and land is high, whose
affections and, it may be, whose pas-
sions and prejudices run deep and
strong. True is it also that these
great ones are limited with the limi-
tations, are strong with the strength
and weak with the weakness of their
land and time. However far we may
go with Plato in the domain of the
pure reason, into the remote ab-
stract, still we think of him as a
Greek and still his personality recalls
to us the temples and the porticos,
the olive trees and the vineyards,
the verdant mountain slopes and the
jeweled islands set in summer seas.
If we turn to the wizard of the hu-
man heart and with Shakespeare
walk the pleasant woods of Arden,
or feel the cutting winds that blow
over Elsinore, or enter the camps of
soldiers beneath the walls of old Troy,
still we know that not a Frenchman,
nor a Dane, nor a Greek speaks to
us, but that through him speaks the
voice, the pride and the spirit of
England and of an Englishman. If
we consider men of action, view Bis-
mark, the Iron Chancellor, slowly,
resolutely, with the power and pre-
cision of an elemental force, welding
an empire into unity. Do we see in
him the universal man, colorless, pas-
sionless, calm, philosophic, free of
local bias or prejudices, or do we
not see rather the very embodiment
of a people's prejudices, passions,
hopes and aspirations, a German of
Germans, loyal, resolute, heroic, in-
domitable, true son of the sea kings?
True it is that great men are like
the great trees which strike their
roots deep into their native soil and
from it draw the nourishment for
their majestic growth.

A spirit of localism, a pride of place
and of state should not receive un-
sympathetic nurture. It is a vine
which may grow rankly and require
pruning, but rash and unwise is he
who would cut it up from the roots.
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OUR COMPLIMENTS.

The Austin Statesman, with the customary kindness and good will, recently published an article criticising the conduct of the University students while at the Opera House. The Statesman objects because the students call for speeches from the stars at the best performance. We realize that such conduct on the part of a newspaper is anything but becoming and should not be noticed, but we cannot pass it by without some comment. The Statesman has always been opposed to the University and never fails to unload on us whenever the opportunity presents itself. Hitherto we have paid no attention to the little sheet for the mud that it has tried to sling has never soiled us. The Austin Statesman can't hurt the University of Texas. Their many efforts to do so are only examples of the Gnat on the Bull's horn fable. Our friends have often wondered why we have never taken offense at the charges the Statesman has made. Well, the best answer we can give is to tell a little story that will clearly set forth our attitude. Two Irishmen were walking in the country one bright May day and while passing a farmer's house an old mule in the lot began to bray. One Irishman became very angry because, he said, the mule was braying at him. But the other Irishman only remarked quietly, "Oh, come on Pat, and don't get mad. It's the privilege of a donkey to bray."

Aside from the fact that the Austin Statesman is a poor excuse for a newspaper and one that can do no harm to anyone, we don't know anything that can be said against it, and they are welcome to cuss us when ever they have to fill space.

THE WORK OF DEGRADATION.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once wrote a book in which he said that any fool could build a house, but it took God Almighty to make a tree. He wrote the book in order to stop the work of some men who were preparing to cut down some magnificent old trees in Boston. There is a crying need for some Holmes' to arise among us and stop this work of tearing up the campus. If there is any reason in prosecuting such a work we fail to see it. Aside from the fact that it is the opinion of men who know whereof they speak that this work will greatly damage the foundation of the University there are other and weighty reasons why it should not be done. How would the main building of the University look if situated in a valley? How would the state capitol look if placed on a level with Congress Avenue? These questions serve to convey our meaning. Moreover it seems to be a useless expenditure of money which could be expended in other and more profitable ways. Besides, what is it all for? What benefit is to be derived from it? We do not mean to imply that the faculty is attempting to injure the University, for, of course they have nothing to do with this work. We do not mean to imply that anyone is trying to injure the University, for we do not believe this to be the case. We simply desire to talk plainly and state just where we stand. There are some of us who love this University and we hate to see any such work of vandalism going on. We realize that you can tear down that hill, but you can't build it up again. This is risky business. We realize that anybody can build a house, but only God can make a tree. That's all.

THE NEW LIBRARY.

The wisdom of the change recently inaugurated in the management of the library, whereby students are cut off from a free access to the books, may be seriously questioned. Conditions as they existed before, were bad enough. Many books were taken out, without being registered for, and never returned. But we are not sure that the results following upon this change will be less baleful, or less to be regretted than the evil which it attempts to cure. Without leaning too far to the students' side of the question, the Texan can but express the belief that the ultimate result of this change will be to drive many students from the library; and certainly this is not to be desired, for the library is for the students. And the students who will be driven away are not those, either, as some may be inclined to say, who have been carrying away the books; they will be those students whose real love for the books has formerly led them back into the quiet alcoves to spend whole afternoons, picking up book after book, reading sketches long or short, as fancy dictated, in perfect freedom. This must not be regarded as mere sentiment. Rather than inquire from instructors just what book or books deal with certain minor points upon which they want information, and then go through all the waste of time and patience getting it in the way in which books are now to be gotten, students are simply going to quit getting such books from the library, and there will be additional work for the janitors in keeping accumulations of dust, and cobwebs from obliterating the titles to books in the forbidden district. This may overstate the case, but the tendency is no doubt going to be strongly in that direction. The Texan is downright serious in the wish that some other means had been adopted as a remedy than the erection of that little railing which cuts so many of us off from our best friends.

Let no one dare to whisper within five miles of the library.

CONCERNING A CERT IN PERIODICAL.

There is a library in the University of Texas—a rather extensive one in fact. In that library there is a rack upon which are placed the leading periodicals and magazines of the country. No one objects to their being there; they are wanted there; they ought to be there; and if they were taken away loud would be the protests from the many who go to the reading table in moments of leisure for the mass of general information contained in those publications.

But too great an amount of care can not be exercised by those upon whom the responsibility of expending the "periodical" appropriation is placed. It is only fair and just to those to whom this task is allotted to say that they have done remarkably well considering the small amount appropriated for the purpose. There is only one objectionable periodical among those subscribed for, but that one has no place in a University library. The one referred to is Reed's Isonomy. Portions of it are absolutely "rotten." The paper upon which it is printed is of such a quality that you cannot kindle a fire with it. The best of asbestos curtains could be made out of it. Mr. Reed's publication will pass for most any old thing except a first-class publication. Aside from the fact that it is a low, degrading, disgusting publication, we don't know anything against it. "Reed's Isonomy" and "Vanity Fair" are a good pair. Take it out of the library and keep it out. Replace it with some good magazine like the Bookman, for instance. By the way, why is the Bookman not among the magazines on the rack?

Have you seen the beautiful railing in the library? Oh, it is perfectly lovely!???

THE FABLE OF THE FAIR CO-ED AND THE REFERENCE BOOKS.

Once upon a time at the University of Texas a Fair Co-Ed entered the library. She wanted to look at some reference books. She approached the noble librarian. "Please Sir," she began, showing him a list, "may I have these books?" "Have you a certificate from the president stating that you wish to do research work?" asked the noble librarian in rumbling, thundering tones. "No—no sir," re-

plied the Fair Co-Ed in a frightened, trembling voice. "Then you cannot pass this beautiful railing until you secure such a certificate." The Fair Co-Ed beat a hasty retreat, and the librarian scowled because someone in the library sighed. The Fair Co-Ed tried all day to secure the certificate but all to no avail. Next day in class the teacher 'Busted' her, because she had failed to look up the references. This fable teaches that the books in the library should be kept under lock and key and no student should be allowed access to them.

We can never, never again see the books in the library—except at a distance.

A POETIC RHAPSODY.

Addressed to the Ancients.
Come back, come back, all ye students of old,
And the work-a-day 'sights of our Varsity behold.
Proud Prex, in his overalls, jumper and brogans,
Leads forth his hefty Texans, pick and spade in hand,
To tear away God's natural hills and dales,
And level the dear old campus, in spite of the student walls.
With old man Beck on deck to plow and scrape the ground,
And Regents in between, thumb-twirling Prex can strut around,
And silence every protest, with a steady glance and frown.
So, come back, ye students who loved what nature gave
And help us hoe-wan students to make for it a grave.

Distance lends enchantment—don't you think the books in the library are enchanting?

THE THREE GERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following communication from Dr. Primer was received a few days since:

University of Texas, Jan. 5, 1904.
Editor of Texan:

Dear Sir—With your permission I should like to communicate to the students the conditions under which the scholarships given by the Sons of Hermann of the State of Texas are to be awarded.

The competitors must have satisfactorily completed three high school years in Latin, and also the same amount in either Greek, or French, or Spanish; also two full courses (University) in English; shall have completed two full University courses in German, and must have a general good standing in all subjects taken at the University.

Three scholarships of \$50 each will be awarded this year, and the competitive examination to decide who is entitled to them will be held on Jan. 16th, 1904, in room 59 at 2-5 p. m. The works selected for preparation this year are Storm's Immensee and Lessing's Minna von Barnhelm and the examinations will consist of grammatical, explanatory and literary questions, interpretation of the text and an essay in German on the characters of the work or the literature. The successful candidates shall continue the German at the University of Texas at least one year and take not less than two courses in German. The scholarship may be held a second year. Truly yours,

SYLVESTER PRIMER.

Many students are wondering why they made a library deposit.

SAY, BILL, DUZ YER NO WHY DE UNERSVITY LIBRARY IS LAK DE PROMIS LAN?

NO, PETE, YO PHULE, DAR AINT NO CIMILARITY TWEEN DEM TINGS—YO NO DAR AINT NIGGER. YES DAR IS, KASE DEM STOODENTS MOUNT DAT RAILIN' SAME'S MOSES MOUNTED DAT MOUTAIN AND GAZES AT DEM BOOKS SAME'S MOSES GAZED AT DAT PROMIS LAN.

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For to do so would be to take away the hope of many fruits that are beyond price. But if it be true that a proper state pride is a good thing and to be desired, an excess thereof is not good and is to be avoided. Such excess may lead us to indulge a vulgar self-commendation and thus expose us to the ridicule of the unkind, or, more painful still, to the commiseration of the judicious; it may cause us to lose the right perspective, to overlook the true proportion and relation of facts and events, to regard the history of our state as a separate and completed whole, and not simply as a part of a mightier movement, a single act in a greater, if not more thrilling drama. It may quiet the noble discontent which is the disease of elevated minds and thus prevent improvement and hinder true progress. It may lead us to accept the work of our fathers as good and to revere it with a Chinese reverence, thus inducing a narrowness and provincialism that takes us out of sympathy with the world's movements, with its pulsing thought and its restless energies, and through undue admiration for our father's achievements, causes us to become the opposite of what they were, constructive men, bold, creative, having initiative.

Between the two tendencies mentioned at the outset, the safe way lies along the middle ground. May we not feel the thrill of exultant pride at the story of the Alamo and San Jacinto and yet be stirred to the same enthusiasm by the story of Banckburn or Marston Moor? Can we not admire the boldness, the sagacity and the learning of our early law-makers, and yet realize that to the great Roman lawyers the world is indebted for its most comprehensive, refined and enlightened principles of justice? May we not admire as beacon lights in our jurisprudence the names of Hemphill, Wheeler and Lipscomb, and

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yet admit the greater effulgence of glory that is about the names of Hardwicke and Mansfield? May we not note with pride and hope the potential greatness of our state, her extended area, her variety of climate and resources, the beneficence of her institutions, the free and generous qualities of her people, and yet be strong enough and candid enough to admit that in economic achievements she has been far from the front; that in the fields of art she has not entered; that in poetry and literature her voice has not been heard?

Let us then cultivate a local pride and a state pride; but let it not be the pride which is complacent in ignorance, but that which is loyal with true knowledge, not that which feeds upon the husks of past achievements, but that which inspires and strengthens for further and better service; not that which makes us content to abide in our present condition, but that which makes us zealous to improve and elevate it; not the pride which indulges in idle vauntings, but that which speaks in deeds and ripe results; not the pride of shrivelled localism which dwarfs and belittles, but the pride of broad catholicity which causes us to welcome with eager enthusiasm whatever is fair, or beautiful, or good in any age of form and clime. To indulge this kind of pride is to develop the root of sturdy civic virtues and yet to permit the individual to gather beauty, wisdom and strength from all humankind, to cause him to be proud of his state, her institutions and her achievements, and yet to realize, in the words of another, that whoever, anywhere, in any age, spoke noble words or performed heroic deeds, spoke and wrought for him; that for him Moses led the people forth from bondage; the three hundred perished at Thermopylae; Homer sang; Demosthenes denounced the tyrant; Columbus sailed the untravelled sea, Galilee gazed on the starry vault, Locke foretold of larger liberty and Wycliff in 62 ashes scattered the seeds of the truth imperishable.

STUDENT'S CONFERENCE

Recent Facts Concerning The Student's Conference.

Session Held at Ruston, La.
Varsity Delegates.

W. F. Martin and L. W. Parrish have just returned from the Southwestern Student Conference at Ruston, La., Dec. 23-30 inclusive, whither they went as delegates from the Y. M. C. A., and they report a glowing time. It was a great meeting of students from the various colleges and universities of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Indian and Oklahoma Territories. Ninety delegates represented six states and twenty colleges. Texas had thirteen men representing seven institutions, the U. of T., B. U., S. W. U., T. U., T. C. U., F. W. U., and S. H. N. I., this being the smallest State delegation in attendance.

The purpose of the conference was to unite the colleges of the Southwest in Christian work and to train Y. M. C. A. presidents and leaders for Bible and Mission Study classes in the different institutions of this section to the end that more effective work may be done.

The conference was conducted under the auspices of the Int. Com. Y. M. C. A. and was in the immediate hands of several of the International secretaries, who directed the work. Each day there were two very interesting addresses by eminent divines and returned foreign missionaries. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Bishop Charles B. Galloway, Jackson, Miss.; Dr. Walter R. Lambuth, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Dunbar Ogden, Columbus, Miss.; Dr. E. C. Dargan, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Hugh M. McIlhenny, Jr., University of Va.

In the college "blow-out" on Monday, Dec. 28, Texas "showed supreme" The afternoon was given over to a genuine demonstration of college spirit and enthusiasm. The delegates from each state joined together and got up yells and songs for the occasion. Texas went in to win.

When time came for the demonstration, Texas had a large star, red and white, on a piece of white cloth, in and around which were the various institutions in good-sized letters, and under this star was a steer's head and horns. Around this emblem was the decoration, consisting of the various college colors mingled together. When Texas was called out the audience felt that but little show would be made, when lo and behold, the boys opened up with "We are just old Texas, that's all, that's all," repeated several times to a common tune, followed by a number of yells, such as, "One a-Zipp!" "Hullabaloo!" "Rattle de thrat!" "Yum yum!" "Will-a-vevo," etc. Then followed "There are no flies on us; there may be 17 great big old bottle green flies on Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, etc." Then followed the adaptation of the "Three Wandering Jews" in some such fashion as this: "Once there were three bumbling states, etc.

The first one's name was Mississippi, etc.

(sipping the cup.)

The second one's name was Arkansas, etc.

(Sawing wood.)

The third one's name was Louzy-Ann, etc.

(Scratching head.)

They all came down to Rusty-town, etc.

There they met the Lone Star State, etc.

This brought the house down and long rousing cheers went up for Texas.

By the unanimous judgment of all Texas took off the palm. This is a good showing for Texas at this first conference, and, by all that is holy and sacred, she must go to Ruston next Christmas with a strong delegation and get the persimmon again.

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THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL AND ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION AT NEW ORLEANS.

The Work of Dr. Garrison and Prof. Houston.

Texas was well represented at the annual meeting of the American Historical and American Economic Association held at New Orleans during the Christmas holidays. Those present from here were Pres. Prather, Prof. Garrison, Prof. Page, Dr. Huberick, Dr. Bolton, Mr. Baker, E. W. Winkler and C. W. Ramsdell. Pres. Houston of the A. & M. was also present.

This was the first meeting ever held in the South. Both associations were well attended by the most prominent men in history and economics in America, and the programs were replete with interesting papers. Among those that attracted considerable attention was a paper by Prof. Garrison on "Texas Annexation, The First Phase," in the Historical Association, and one in the Economic Association by Prof. Houston on "Cotton and the General Agricultural Outlook." The general topics under discussion in the Historical Association were relative to the Louisiana Purchase, history teaching in the South, diplomatic history (of the West and Southwest), and certain aspects of European history. The Economics were occupied with the industrial and agricultural problems of the South, with corporate and "public" finance, and the trust problem. At a joint meeting a Political Science Association was organized to work in connection with the other two, thus covering the entire related field.

Most of the sessions were held at Tulane University, which is beautifully located in the southwestern part of the city. The first was held at the historic Cabildo, the second at Newcomb College.

A comparison of dates shows that the University of Texas is well in the lead in both History and Economics among Southern institutions. Prof. Garrison's work in Southwestern History is arousing keen interest among the American History men of the great institutions of the North and East, and more than one was heard to speak of the fine work being done by Dr. Garrison and other Texas men along various lines. As a whole, the meeting was thoroughly enjoyable and full of inspiration for those who attended.

DR. PAGE HAS GONE.

The New Instructor in Political Science is Mr. E. T. Miller.

The news of Dr. Page's departure comes not in the nature of a surprise but as a painful realization of something that we have known to be inevitable for some time past. Dr. Page left for California during the holidays where he goes to accept the chair of Political Science at the University of California.

During his brief stay with us he won our admiration and respect by his many scholarly attainments, broadmindedness, and his kind and gentle manner. California is certainly to be congratulated on the good fortune of securing such a man. Our best wishes for his future welfare and success go with him. In the words of Old Rip, "May he live long and prosper."

The newly elected instructor in Political Economy, Mr. E. T. Miller was a student here from 1897 to 1901. He received both the B. A. and the M. A. degrees from this University. During his last year here he was Fellow in the School of History. For the past two years Mr. Miller has been studying at Harvard University. Shortly after entering Harvard he secured a fellowship in Political Science. Last June that institution conferred the M. A. degree upon him. His home, or rather that of his parents, is Weatherford, Texas. At present Mr. Miller is conducting the courses left without an instructor by Dr. Page's recent resignation.

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THOMAS DIXON, Jr.,

Author of "The Leopard's Spots" Will
Lecture Here on Jan. 15th.

On next Friday night at Hancock's Opera House, Mr. Thomas Dixon, famous as an orator, author and reformer, will deliver his great lecture entitled "Backbone."

Thomas Dixon is at the head of a long list of platform orators and is possibly the strongest lecture attraction possible. He is sometimes called "The Platform King," and is said to be the greatest orator in America.

Mr. Dixon is a brilliant young preacher of fine earnestness. It is the verdict of "The Leopard's Spots" is the most noteworthy book of recent years. "The One Woman" is also from the pen of Mr. Dixon.

The following press comment is somewhat descriptive of Mr. Dixon as a lecturer:

"If this is an age of lightning, this distinguished divine is truly its product. He talks with the rapidity of lightning, the current of his thought flows with lightning speed and the force of an electric bolt. His logic is irresistible, his eloquence superb, his style original and entertaining. Brilliant, resourceful, conscious of his own power, he carries his spell-bound hearers from the ludicrous to the sublime, exhibiting the genius of pure wit in his intellectual surprises and ends in a storm of applause. He is a splendid product of this young and vigorous age, a type unto himself."

The following resolution was adopted by the fraternities last Friday afternoon:

RESOLVED, THAT AT 9 O'CLOCK A. M. OF THE 17th DAY OF JAN. 1904, THE FRATERNITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BE PERMITTED TO INVITE FIRST YEAR STUDENTS INTO MEMBERSHIP WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MEMBER, OR MEMBERS, EXTENDING THE INVITATION WILL INSTRUCT THE FIRST YEAR STUDENTS THAT NO ANSWER CAN BE GIVEN UNTIL 1 P. M. OF THE 19th DAY OF JAN. 1904.

ANNUAL PRIZE CONTEST.

Next Saturday night, January sixteenth, the annual inter-society debate for choosing teams to debate Tulane and Colorado and to contest for the Gregory and Batts fifty dollar prize, will be pulled off in the auditorium at 8:30. The question is, "Resolved that married women in Texas should have complete control of their separate property." A hot contest is expected, as both societies have strong teams, and each feels confident of victory. The Athenaeum debaters are: Walne, Milliken, Locke, and Mays. Rusk debaters: Luton, True, Griffin, and Frank. No admission will be charged, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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